

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

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Confessions: Heard Saturdays from 4:30 to 4:50 pm (When priests are available)

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Theme for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well to “ask...seek...knock”. May our prayer open us to God’s will, and to build up his strength within us. In Baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised to life with him.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Friday, 7/25	8:00am- Norbert Wittenauer, Don Haudrich, Marcia & Evan Rheinecker
Saturday, 7/26	5:00pm- For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s
Sunday, 7/27	8:00am- Jerry & Duane Mollet, Special Intention
Friday, 8/01	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s
Saturday, 8/02	5:00pm- Wally Amann, Joe Jung
Sunday, 8/03	8:00am- For Our Parish at St. Augustine’s

OUR SACRIFICE MADE TO GOD FROM 6/29/2025:

Weekly Envelopes- \$1992.00

Loose- \$437.00

Youth- \$4.00

Scholarship Fund (beginning 8-1-24)-
\$3,220.14

Thank you very much for your generosity!

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK/ WEEKEND

Saturday, August 2nd, 2025, 5pm

Set Up: Kevin Schreder

Servers: Mallory Kern

Lector: Kevin Schreder

Extraordinary Minister:

Extraordinary Minister (W): Barb Bruss

Extraordinary Minister (W): Annette Schreder

Camera:

Sunday, August 3rd, 2025, 8am

Set Up: Margie Holle

Servers: Doers

Lector: Jonella Donius

Extraordinary Minister:

Extraordinary Minister (W): Rayleen Neary

Extraordinary Minister (W): Kyle Doerr

Camera:

Please pray for the following:

Darlene Frisch, Jeanelle Dinan, Madalyn Killebrew, Kenny Kern, Ricky Wittenauer, Ava Kern, Nancy Grohmann, Jim & Joanne Cowell, Helen Parker, Mike Rheinecker, Evelyn Kelley Marquart, Roger Cortner, Frank Kohler, Josh Middendorf, Ethel Mae Kreher, Annette Lovelace, Geri Griffin, Melissa Stellhorn, Rhonda Mehring-Smith, Gary Rist, Sydney Furman, Delbert Wittenauer, Dorothy Christiansen.

For Active Service Personnel: Justin S. Bushong, United States Coast Guard, Austin Grohmann, United States Marine Corps, and Austin Gregson, United States Marine Corps.



The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *Hope in the Lord*

Did you know **YOUR GIFT** to the 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese's website at www.diobelle.org and click on "Giving".

It's that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry to those in need. We are counting on **YOU**. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

PLEDGES TO DATE: 24 81 % OF OUR GOAL MET

\$5,455.00 pledged of 7/6/2025 \$6,718.00 is the Parish Financial Target

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center

When Mental Illness Hits Home Conference

“Innovative Approaches to Support and Recovery”

Presenters: Joe Harper, LCSW; Jayme Swanke, PhD, LCSW, CADC; Kelly Jefferson; Mint Green

Friday, August 22, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

This annual and unique conference is for family members and friends who journey with people with mental illness and for professionals in the mental health field.

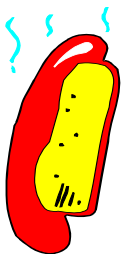
Cost: \$50.00 per person, including lunch. Additional \$35.00 for IL CEUs

For more information, call 618-394-6281.

Register online at <https://snows.org/illness>

Blessing of the Sick

Blessing of the sick will take place next Saturday evening after the 5:00 Mass and Sunday morning after the 8:00 mass.



PICNIC



We are looking to fill the chairperson position of the dessert stand at the dinner for next year's Kirchenfest. The current chairperson is retiring after this year. You could work in the dessert stand this year and learn the procedures. Keep in mind, this job is in the air-conditioned hall. If you are interested in chairing the dessert stand, please contact the parish secretary or Aaron Eckart.

Kid's Games

The Chairperson of the kids' game Plinko is asking for \$10 toys for the stand, 1 for boys and 1 for girls. No need to make a basket, the stand chairperson will put these items together in a plastic bag. You can drop the toys off at Laurel Jung's house, the church, or the parish office. Bags will also be provided on the table in the back of church.

Also needed for the Plinko stand are workers, 8th grade or high school to help the day of the picnic. Good for service hours. Call Laurel for more information 618-340-1906

Dressing Prep and Dressing Making

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church on the table for volunteers needed to help make dressing for the Kirchenfest dinner. Dressing prep will take place at the Community Center on Wednesday August 13 at 6:00 pm. Making the dressing will take place at the Community Center on Friday August 15th after mass.

Please realize many volunteers are needed to make our picnic a success.

DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE -- PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is an active ministry in the Diocese of Belleville!!! Planned Parenthood continues to see women (some report one woman every 20 minutes six days a week). It is so vital that we be there for these women to offer free and confidential help in their time of need. It is our hope to continue to foster a sense of compassion in our communities making them a safe place to welcome those who suffer after an abortion and encourage reconciliation and healing in Jesus Christ. Those in need of help and counseling can confidentially contact someone by phone or email. Here's a link to Project Rachel on the diocesan website with additional information: <https://www.diobelle.org/respectlife/project-rachel>.

To stay informed of Pro-Life events in our Diocese, like and follow our FaceBook page, Respect Life Apostolate – Belleville

RESPECT FOR LIFE CORNER

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”



St. Luke shares with us another form of the Our Father which Jesus is teaching his disciples. We are shown that we can ask the Heavenly Father for anything just as we would our earthly father. “And I tell you, ask and you will receive.” Our daily prayer needs to include a request for more men and women to answer that call from the Lord to enter the seminary or religious community. “For everyone who asks, receives.” How beautiful a relationship that is with the one who made us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Linus will be traveling to Nigeria to visit his family from July 11- August 19th, 2025.

The Kirchenfest is planned for Saturday, August 16th, 2025! Save it on your calendar!

The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal *Hope in the Lord*

YOU have the opportunity to support the four men who have answered "YES" to God's call to serve in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ in our Belleville Diocese. The annual cost for each of our seminarians is over \$50,000. Funding from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps support the expenses of our seminarians and Vocation Office; **your pledge or one-time gift** is truly an investment in our faith and the life of the Church here in southern Illinois. Please continue to pray for vocations and consider making your gift today!

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 82nd Annual Healing and Hope Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

Monday, July 28, through Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m. nightly

Find Healing and Hope... Each nightly Mass focuses on a different theme and concludes with a beautiful praying of the rosary by candlelight. Join us in prayer for any or all of these nine evening Masses, as we pray for our own needs and those of our whole world.

For the schedule of healing themes and more information, call 618-397-6700 or visit snows.org/novena